

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, lines 16-30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Alternatively, the carboxylic anhydride-functional compound can be an adduct of an anhydride monomer and a functional group-comprising polymer. Examples of such adducts are: the adduct of polybutadiene or a butadiene/styrene copolymer to maleic anhydride; the adduct of maleic anhydride to a styrene/allyl alcohol copolymer esterified with an unsaturated fatty acid, resins of terpene and maleic anhydride; adducts of hydroxyl-comprising polymers and anhydride monomers, e.g., copolymers of hydroxyethyl(meth)acrylate or styrene/allyl alcohol and a tricarboxylic compound capable of forming anhydride groups, such as described in ~~EP-A-0 025 917~~ EP-A-0 259 172-A; the adduct of trimellitic anhydride to a polyol, such as described in EP-A-0 134 691; and the adduct of a thiol groups-comprising polymer to an unsaturated cyclic anhydride such as maleic anhydride, itaconic anhydride or citraconic anhydride. Also, mixtures of anhydride-functional compounds can be employed.